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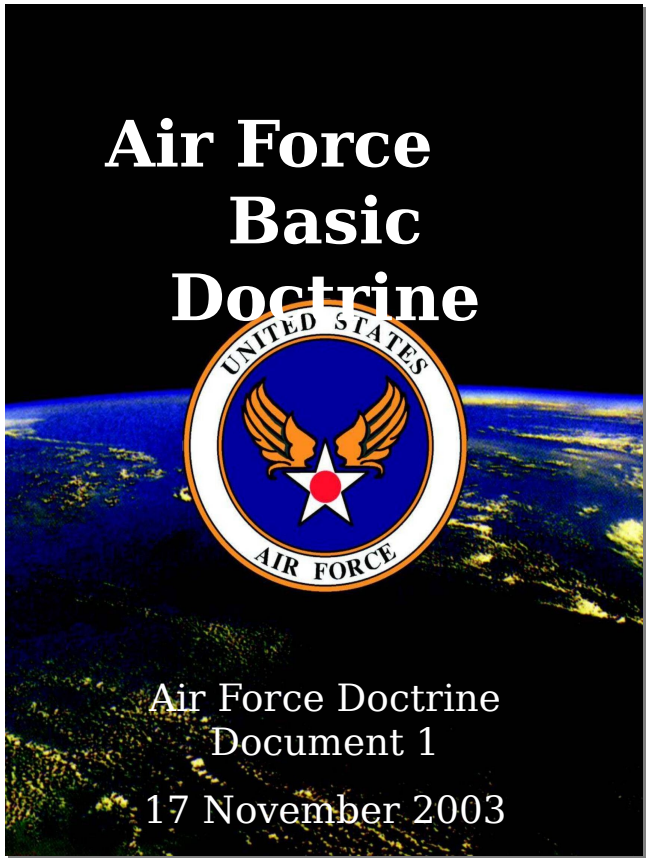

Overview of

AFDD 1, Air Force Basic Doctrine

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CSAF Foreword

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"The success of our Air Force in meeting the challenges of this rapidly changing world depends on our understanding and applying our doctrine. As airmen we have not properly understood or consistently applied our air and space doctrine. As great operators we have preferred our ability to improvise over sound repeatable principles. That's no longer good enough—the complex integration required among our fighting elements, the complexity of joint and combined doctrine, and the uncertainty of rapidly developing contingency operations demand that our planning and employment be understood and repeatable. It requires that we learn and practice our own doctrine. We know how to do it right; we have taken the time to argue it out, write it down, and publish it. We must understand what it means to be an airman and be able to articulate what air and space power can bring to the joint fight. Air Force Doctrine Document 1, the Air Force's premier statement of our beliefs, is the cornerstone from which all our other doctrine flows and expresses our Service's identity. I encourage you to read it, discuss it, and practice."

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Pub Overview

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- Chapter 1, *An introduction to Doctrine* - new opening chapter provides a better introduction to doctrine
- Chapter 2, *Policy, Strategy, Doctrine, and War* - presents the broad context for the employment of military power as a national instrument
- Chapter 3, *Principles and Tenets* - what Airmen believe about applying air and space power
- Chapter 4, *Roles, Missions, and Functions of Air and Space Power* - the specific operational paradigms by which Airmen describe, organize, and apply air and space power
- Chapter 5, *Expeditionary Air Force Organization* - provides more focused discussion on expeditionary organization
- Chapter 6, *Core Competencies and Distinctive Capabilities* - updates the discussion of Core Competencies
- Chapter 7, *Linking the Future to the Present: Vision, Operating Concepts, and Doctrine* - discusses how current doctrine can help frame the examination of future concepts

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Chapter 1: *An Introduction to Doctrine*

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- **What doctrine is and isn't**
  - **Warfighting…not physics**
  - **Effects…not weapon systems or platforms**
  - **Using mediums…not owning mediums**
  - **How to organize…not organizations**
  - **Preserving our nation's treasure…not being a treasure**
  - **What's important…not who's important**
- **Why it's useful knowledge**
  - **Helps establish Service identity and culture**
  - **Provides consistent and predictable approach to warfighting**
  - **Provides common terminology**
  - **Foundation for addressing Joint doctrinal issues**
- **Why Airmen need to understand and apply it**

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Chapter 2: *Policy, Strategy, Doctrine, and War*

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- **Presents the broad context for the employment of military power as a national instrument**
- **Explains the difference between policy, strategy, and doctrine**
  - **Many confuse doctrine with strategy and policy; doctrine is a specific body of ideas**
- **Shows the linkage from national security strategy to national military strategy**
- **Examines "the American way of war" and how that has evolved, and introduces effects based operations**

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Chapter 3:
Principles and Tenets

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- **What Airmen believe about applying air and space power**
- **Principles of War -- the broad enduring truths about war**
- **Tenets of Air and Space Power -- the first-order translation of the Principles of War into specific guidelines for applying air and space power as a distinctly different form of military power, apart from land and maritime power**

Chapter 4: *Roles, Missions, and Functions of Air and Space Power*

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- The **specific operational paradigms** by which airmen describe, organize, and apply air and space power
- Introductory discussion on the differences between roles, missions, and functions
- The number of operational Functions remains at 17, with some changes:
  - Surveillance and Reconnaissance now combined
  - Combat Support added as a new Function; reflects importance of establishing and maintaining bases in the current expeditionary environment
  - Information Operations replaces the former Counterinformation model, and the supporting discussion is completely revised

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Functions of Air and Space Power

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- Strategic Attack
- Counterair
- Counterspace
- Counterland
- Countersea
- Information Operations
- Combat Support
- Command & Control
- Airlift
- Air Refueling
- Spacelift
- Special Operations
- Intelligence
- Surveillance & Reconnaissance
- Combat Search and Rescue
- Navigation & Positioning
- Weather Services

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Chapter 5: Expeditionary Air Force Organization

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- **Provides more focused discussion on expeditionary organization**
- **Discusses the three components of the AETF:**
  - **The COMAFFOR**
  - **The command mechanisms (AOC and A-staff)**
  - **Tailored, supported forces**
- **Emphasizes the role of the COMAFFOR as the senior Air Force warfighter**

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Chapter 6: *Core Competencies and Distinctive Capabilities*

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- **Discussion of the three new Core Competencies:**
  - **Developing Airmen**
  - **Technology-to-Warfighting**
  - **Integrating Operations**

- **Updated discussion of the six Distinctive Capabilities:**
  - **Air and Space Superiority**
  - **Information Superiority**
  - **Global Attack**
  - **Precision Engagement**
  - **Rapid Global Mobility**
  - **Agile Combat Support**

Chapter 7: *Linking the Future to the Present: Vision, Operating Concepts, and Doctrine*

- Discusses how current doctrine can help frame examination of future concepts
- **Vision** looks out 15+ years and is best examined through wargames
- **Operating concepts** look out about 5 to15 years, and are best examined in experiments
- **Doctrine** focuses on current organizations and capabilities

- **AFDD 1 available for download from the AFDC website:**

Https://www.doctrine.af.mil

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